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SUBJ: TOURIST FACILITIES PLANNED FOR IE-SHIMA

SUMMARY: TWO MAINLAND JAPANESE FIRMS HAVE REPORTEDLY INVESTED
\$30 MILLION IN BUYING LAND FOR IE ISLAND TOURIST FACILITIES.

END SUMMARY.

1. A LOCAL NEWSPAPER CARRIED AN ARTICLE FEB 1 REPORTING THAT
TWO MAINLAND JAPAN FIRMS HAD BOUGHT UP 21,600,000 SQUARE FEET
OF BEACH PROPERTY ON THE NORTH, EAST AND SOUTH SIDES OF IE ISLAND

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FOR ABOUT \$30 MILLION. ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, MARUMAN-ROYAL
COUNTRY CO. AND THE SHONAN KOGYO COMPANY ARE ALSO NEGOTIATING TO
BUY UP MORE IE ISLAND BEACH PROPERTY. IF SUCCESSFUL, THEY WOULD
CONTROL ALMOST ALL THE BEACH IN IE ISLAND EXCEPT FOR U.S. AF TAR-
GET RANGE, TWO SMALL PARCELS A MILE OR TWO IN LENGTH ON EACH SIDE
OF THE RANGE, AND THE PORT AND YOUTH BEACH AREA.

2. ACCORDING TO THE DEVELOPMENT PLAN FILED REPORTEDLY WITH THE
IE ISLAND VILLAGE AUTHORITIES, THE COMPANIES PLAN TO BUILD A
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SCENIC OCEANSIDE GOLF COURSE ON THE PEANUT FIELDS ON THE NORTHERN

SIDE OF THE ISLAND, AND A PARK, CAMPGROUND, AND BEACH FACILITIES ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE ISLAND FROM WEST OF THE PORT ALMOST TO THE EDGE OF THE BOMBING RANGE.

3. COMMENT: IF THE REPORTS ARE TRUE, THE DEVELOPMENT OF IE-SHIMA WILL BE SIGNIFICANTLY ACCELERATED, WITH PERHAPS SOME GROWTH IN INTEREST FOR CONTINUED COMMERCIAL USE OF THE PLANNED AIRPORT AFTER EXPO, AND THUS CONTINUED EFFECT ON OUR USE OF THE RANGE.

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